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IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION REPORTED MYTEL 1534 KHRUSHCHEV TOLD KROLL THAT IF EAST AND WEST GERMANY WERE REUNITED AND ADOPTED A SYSTEM OTHER THAN COMMUNISM, HE WOULD NOT LIKE IT BUT WOULD NOT OBJECT. I ASSUME THIS IS MERELY AN EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST GERMANS.

Destroyed in 1978
KROLL TOLD ME THAT WHILE HE COULD NOT EVEN SUGGEST SUCH A THING TO HIS OWN GOVERNMENT HE THOUGHT THAT IF WESTERN POWERS SHOULD PROPOSE IT WEST GERMANY COULD ENGAGE IN CONVERSATIONS WITH EAST GERMANS ON SOME LEVEL AND ACCEPT AN ARRANGEMENT WHICH WOULD DIVORCE EAST GERMANY FROM THE STRICT SATELLITE PATTERN SINCE HE WAS CONVINCED THAT IN THE END THE WEIGHT AND ATTRACTION OF WEST GERMAN SYSTEM WOULD ENABLE IT TO PREVAIL. HE SAID HE WAS NOT WORRIED BY ANY DANGER OF COMMUNIST EFFORTS TO SUBVERT WEST GERMANY SINCE THEY HAD LEARNED HOW TO DEAL WITH COMMUNIST MENACE. THESE REMARKS MADE IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE AND REQUEST THEY BE SO TREATED.

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